

## Richard's Corner



They say that politics is a dirty game and I guess it can be. What is also clear to me is that it is more often a very **difficult** game. Expectations placed on politicians because they control the purse strings of the state are enormous from virtually every sector of society and the pressure brought to bear must simply be overwhelming at times. Add to that the temptations of power and the rather unhealthy lifestyle that politics forces on its people and you have a recipe for personal disaster. Indeed, marriage breakdown amongst politicians is reportedly very high. The question is, what should be our attitude towards politicians and, indeed, the political process? In recent times it seems to me that the Church or at least those who purport to represent the Church in the media are choosing a dangerous path which may be best summed up in the word 'cynicism.' We are becoming openly cynical about politics and the ability of politicians to rise above petty political concerns and do something positive for the country. To be sure, the behaviour of some politicians leaves much to be desired but cynicism is not a healthy alternative for Christians. Recently Jim Wallis of Sojourners has said this about cynicism... 'cynicism is a spiritually dangerous thing because it is a buffer against personal commitment. Becoming so cynical that we don't believe any change is possible allows us to step back, protect ourselves, grab for more security, and avoid taking any risks.' Faith in action requires risk because faith does not seek to control but to love unconditionally. Are you becoming more cynical?

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## Next week

**Service Leader:** Helen Harray  
**Worship Team:** Pauline Lovelock  
**Bible Reading:** Alastair Yule  
**Data Projector:** Tim Marshall  
**Duty Elder:** Phil Hill  
**Welcome team:** Helen H, Lynn W

**Speaker:** Richard Dawson  
**Prayers for Others:** Rachel Elder  
**Door & Offering:** Judith & Steve Lorimer  
**Sound:** Craig Campbell  
**Setup Team:** Bill Lee  
**Morning Tea:** Colin & Chris Fitzpatrick  
 Jess Palmer



# St Stephens Leith Valley

"Growing great community"

# WELCOME

## 30 June 2013

**Service Leader:** Helen Harray

**Worship Leader:** Geoff Bevan

**Speaker:** Richard Dawson



It's great to have you with us. If you are new or visiting we hope to catch up over morning tea.

**Today's readings:**  
 Matthew 5:14-16  
 Deuteronomy 6:4-9



You are the light  
 of the world

*Matt 5:14*



The church would be revolutionised if every parishioner/family shared two meals every week: one to support a church member and one to spend time with someone on the edge.

*Justin Duckworth*

## Today's team

**Prayers for Others:** Ziggy Lesa  
**Bible Reading:** Chris Fitzpatrick  
**Sound:** Wayne Harray  
**Setup Team:** Phil Scadden  
**Welcome team:** Craig & Hilary Campbell

**Door & Offering:** Bronwyn Bennington  
**Data Projector:** Ruth Pearce  
**Duty Elder:** Liz Christensen  
**Prayer Ministry:** Adrienne K, Alastair Y  
**Morning Tea:** Judith & Ged Forbes,  
 Grace Milburn

# LV events & info

## Pay it Forward Lunch

Next week 7 July



## Alphabetical Lunch

Sunday 4 August

We are going to put people into groups alphabetically to have shared lunches in homes. If you can host one of these groups please let us know.

If you're not on our church list:  
Text Rachel on 027 7377 295

# Do it now!

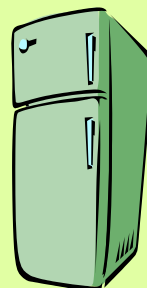
Yes you may text in church...just this once!

## Small group leaders meeting

**When:** Saturday Morning July 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Dawsons - 21 Royston St,  
North East Valley, Dunedin

## Leith Valley Church Kitchen Upgrade

Recently we were given a small donation which we would like to use to begin upgrading the contents of the kitchen at Leith and make it more user-friendly. As part of this upgrade we would like to put in a fridge/freezer and were wondering if there is any one in the congregation who has a fridge/freezer for sale or donation.



Please contact the office.

Many thanks  
Lynn William, Helen Harray

## KIDS/JUNIOR YOUTH!!

Please remember not to help yourselves to the school's sports equipment.

## PARENTS!

Please make sure they are not doing this!



## Unwanted leftover paint?

Kent would love any half-empty cans of interior house paint that you have finished with.



**Call 022 0612 6144**

## PRAYER

We have a committed group of prayers just a phone call away. If you need extra people praying for you or people you know, contact the office and we'll send your prayer need on to our prayer group.

Let us know if you'd like to be on this list too.

# Noticeboard

## Love Reaches Out

Young people's Art, Writing and Photography competition.

Pick up an entry form or go to  
[www.kidsfriendly.org.nz](http://www.kidsfriendly.org.nz)

Open to Preschoolers to Year 13  
Closes August 26th

## Healing Trauma Seminar

With **Sandra Sellmer-Kersten**  
of **Elijah House Ministries.**  
Fri 5th(evening) and Sat 6th July.  
Salvation Army, Princes St.  
**Cost:** \$20 single, \$30 couple,  
\$10 beneficiary, *Manual \$10.*

For more information take a leaflet from the notices table or contact Gill Trebilco  
473-9628  
[gptrebilco@ihug.co.nz](mailto:gptrebilco@ihug.co.nz)

## Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Otago/Southland 2013  
August 7 to October 11(Wednesdays  
and Thursdays)

For Ministers, Chaplains, Theology Students  
and others involved in ministry.

See noticeboard for full details and contact Rachel at the office for course and application information

## Stories wanted



The Albany/Pleasant Point Parish has published two books over the past four years;  
*Fuel for the Soul* &  
*I Saw Love Today.*

Each of these was the result of a nation-wide writing competition.

They are working on a new collection and want to encourage people who have been touched by cancer to tell their story in a positive and encouraging light.

They are asking for submissions with a 'hope' theme. Around 50 selected pieces will appear in the new anthology to be published early 2014.

Pick up an entry form on the notices table and contact Rachel if you require further information.

## Regional Youth Advisor

### Presbyterian Synod of Otago & Southland

The Synod is seeking an experienced Christian Youth worker to take up the position of Regional Youth Advisor. This is a consultant role to help facilitate youth work on a regional scale and will also involve working with up to 75 Presbyterian parishes on all aspects of youth work. A working knowledge of Presbyterian polity would be helpful but not essential.

If you would like an application pack or have further questions please contact

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[www.synod.org.nz](http://www.synod.org.nz)

Applications close 5pm, 10 July 2013